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SUBJECT: WHA: LESOTHO DRAFT RESOLUTION

1. THERE FOLLOWS THE FULL TEXT OF A DRAFT RESOLUTION WHICH THE LESOTHO DELEGATION HAS ASKED THE UNITED STATES (AS WELL AS THE UNITED KINGDOM) TO JOIN WITH THEM IN CO-SPONSORING. THE MISSION BELIEVES THAT THE POSITION WE TAKE SHOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH OUR ARGUMENTATION ON THE ARAB-ISRAELI ISSUE WITH RESPECT TO THE INTRODUCTION OF POLITICAL ISSUES INTO THE WORK OF THE SPECIALIZED AGENCIES. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT GUIDANCE IS REQUESTED.

2. BEGIN TEXT: THE 31ST WORLD HEALTH ASSEMBLY, RECALLING SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION 402 OF 22 DECEMBER 1976, CONCERNING THE SERIOUS SITUATION CREATED BY CLOSURE OF CERTAIN BORDER POSTS, UPON THE DECISION OF SOUTH AFRICA, BETWEEN LESOTHO AND SOUTH AFRICA, SO AS TO COERCE LESOTHO INTO ACCORDING RECOGNITION TO THE BANTUSTAN-TRANSKEI;

MINDFUL THAT A DECISION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF LESOTHO NOT TO RECOGNIZE BANTUSTAN-TRANSKEI WAS TAKEN IN CONFORM-
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ITY WITH UN GENERAL ASSEMBLY RESOLUTION 31/6(A) ADOPTED
ON 20 OCTOBER 1976;

RECOGNIZING THAT THE DEVELOPMENTS WHICH HAVE OCCURRED HAVE IMPOSED SPECIAL ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL BURDENS UPON LESOTHO AND THAT THE HEALTH CONDITION OF THE PEOPLE OF LESOTHO, ESPECIALLY IN THE SOUTHEASTERN PART, IS

WORSENING;

1. EXPRESSES DEEP REGRET AT THE HEALTH AND OTHER PROBLEMS FACED BY LESOTHO AS A RESULT OF ITS DECISION NOT TO RECOGNIZE THE BANTUSTAN-TRANSKEI,
2. NOTES WITH APPRECIATION THE MEASURES TAKEN BY THE SECRETARY GENERAL OF THE UNITED NATIONS TO SEND MISSIONS TO LESOTHO TO EXAMINE THE SITUATION AS WELL AS BY THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL WITH RESPECT TO CALLING FOR AN EFFECTIVE INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM OF ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO,
3. REQUESTS WHO MEMBER STATES TO RESPOND TO THE APPEALS MADE BY THE SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL TO PROVIDE ASSISTANCE ON A GENEROUS SCALE TO LESOTHO,
4. REQUESTS THE DIRECTOR GENERAL, IN COLLABORATION WITH ALL CONCERNED ORGANIZATIONS AND INSTITUTIONS OF THE UN SYSTEM, TO PROVIDE ALL NECESSARY ASSISTANCE TO LESOTHO WITH RESPECT IN PARTICULAR TO PROVIDING HEALTH CARE AND SERVICES TO THE AFFECTED POPULATION. END TEXT. SORENSON

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